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SUBJECT: SECVISIT/ CENTO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING

REF: STATE 96503; ANKARA 3955

1. REFTELS OBVIOUSLY CROSSED. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTING TO SYG, IF THIS FEASIBLE AND WILL NOT CAUSE HIM EMBARRASSMENT, TO FOREGO SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT SYG SHOULD, AS HE DID LAST YEAR, INCORPORATE HIS VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS IN HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL (C/19/ D5, PARA 33). COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THAT
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AND OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE' S REPORT WILL GIVE HIM NECESSARY MANDATES. FOR INSTANCE, ON SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION A, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY AGREED TO COMMUNICATE VIEWS AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR QUOTE IDENTIFYING NEW AREAS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THEIR FINANCING. END QUOTE RESOLUTION C ALSO LENDS SELF TO CONSIDERATION AS SIMPLE RECOMMENDATION IN SYG REPORT.

3. PROPOSAL IN RESOLUTION B, HOWEVER PRESENTED, WILL POSE DIFFICULTY FOR US BECAUSE IT ASKS IN ESSENCE FOR A COMMITMENT TO A PROJECT -- I. E., THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN KERMAN AND ZAHEDAN -- THE COST OF WHICH WE DON' T KNOW AND WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE IRANIANS, ON BASIS OF FEASIBILITY

STUDY, AS LACKING, AT PRESENT, ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION. WE COULD NOT GIVE SUCH A COMMITMENT AT MINISTERIAL.

4. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO AVOID HAVING MINISTERS CONSIDER FORMAL RESOLUTIONS. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, URGE THE SYG NOT TO CIRCULATE THEM. HOWEVER, WHATEVER FORM HE WISHES OFFER HIS RECOMMENDATIONS IN, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM THAT WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION B AS DRAFTED AND WOULD SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE. OUR SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE RECOMMENDS THAT EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT FURTHER THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FORMULATION OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN KERMAN AND ZAHEDAN, AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS. END QUOTE

5. YOU MIGHT WISH TO CHECK WITH U. K. DEPUTY TO SEE IF HE MIGHT LEND SUPPORT TO YOUR EFFORTS. RUSH

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